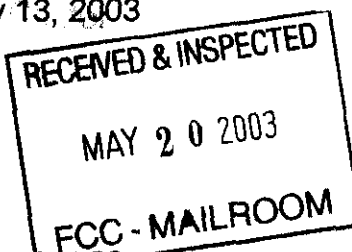


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May 13, 2003

Chairman Michael K. Powell  
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Re: Opposition to FCC Rule Change on Broadcast Ownership, Docket 02-277

Dear Chairman Powell:

I oppose the Broadcast Ownership - Docket 02-277 rule change, and urge the FCC to withdraw it. Currently, FCC restrictions on media ownership prevent local newspaper, cable provider, radio stations, and TV channels within a market from all being owned by one company. The Broadcast Ownership - Docket 02-277 rule change would lift these restrictions.

Democracy is built on the idea that the views and beliefs of an **informed** citizenry are the best basis for political decision-making. We the public depend on a diverse, independent media to inform us accurately. Therefore, **we need many competitive media entities** -- to keep each other honest, and to provide the information and ideas that make democracy happen.

Unfortunately, wealthy corporate interests (such as Clear Channel) have recently been buying up media outlets and gaining increased control over the news we hear. The result has been that corporate corruption and the economic hardships of the middle and lower class have had minimal media, and therefore minimal political, attention.

The Federal government, as the representative of the public, leases the airwaves to media companies in exchange for their assurance that they're serving the public interest, not just corporate interests. It's the FCC's job to make sure that's so.

I urge you to hold the FCC to its mandate and withdraw Broadcast Ownership - Docket 02-277.

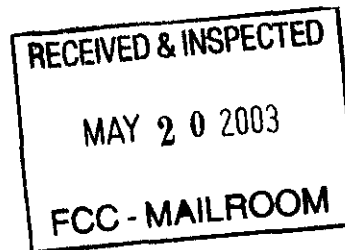
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Sincerely,

  
Judi Polson

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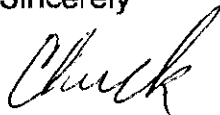
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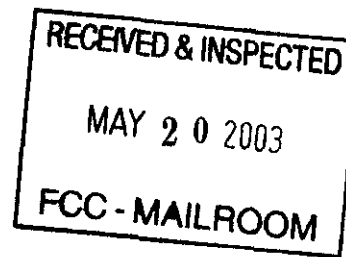
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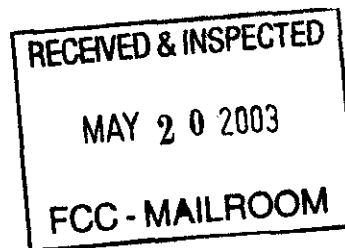
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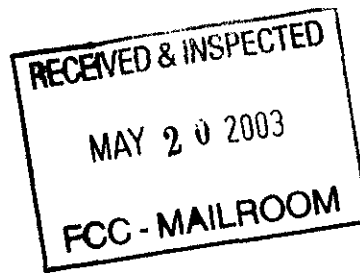
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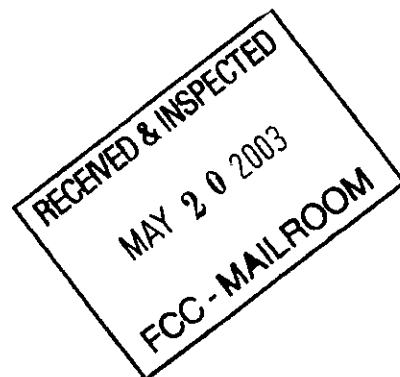
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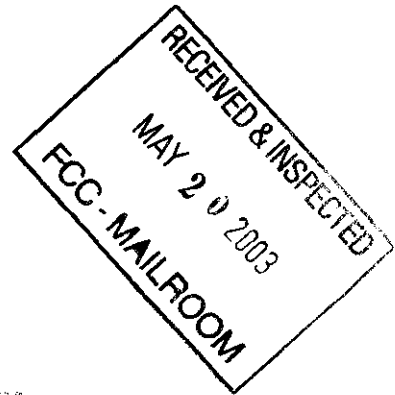


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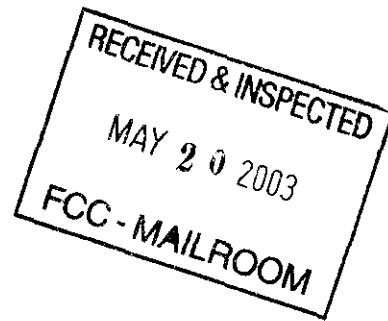
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It is your duty and obligation to reject any attempts to further relax the broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies. The current rules should be strengthened, not weakened. To allow yet more monopoly ownership of media outlets would further erode the freedom of speech and diversity of political debate by individuals and groups not favored by the owners of such entities.

Sincerely,

Terry A. Nelson

**Robert King**  
2210 Wild Dunes Circle  
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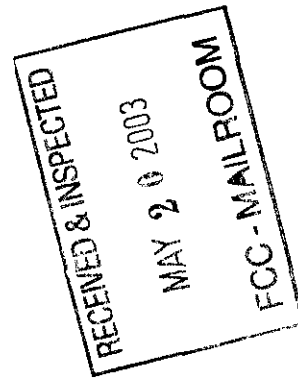
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I do not want the Murdoch's of the world controlling the European and the U.S. media markets.

A free press can not exist under the proposed changes. The smallest news organizations; whether broadcast or print, will be driven to economic failure.

The "free-press" concept was considered a necessity by our country's founders.

When we can only hear or see limited or points of view controlled by a single individual or organization on any issue, then we are no longer Americans. Our freedom of choice will have been given away.

We will have joined the third-world and the FCC will have assisted in this wrong-doing.

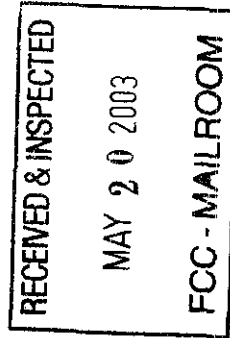
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Carlsbad, CA 92009-7853

Mr. Jonathon S. Adelstein  
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Dear Mr. Adelstein:

As an involved citizen in this democracy, I am concerned and worried that the FCC may soon propose media deregulation that will allow large corporations more control of the publicly owned airways than they already have. I understand that the date of June 2, 2003, has been set for FCC voting on this issue.

I believe that the public's right to important controversial information, untainted by corporate interests, is at stake here. I urge the FCC to vote for corporate limits on radio ownership, network ownership of TV stations, and cross-ownership. The FCC's Michael Copps is reported to have said at a recent FCC forum on media ownership at Northwestern University's Chicago Law School, "Apart from war and peace, no issues confronting America are as important." As an educated citizen who is interested in public affairs, I agree. Mr. Copps is reported also to have said, "Three-quarters of the American people do not know this issue is before the FCC."

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Stories of crime and violence dominate local news coverage in the network-affiliated stations in my area. Why isn't a wider range of events and issues covered? I cannot help but infer that the large corporations—such as GE, Viacom, Disney, etc.—which own these stations actually encourage them to air stories that "sell," rather than to air other stories that would educate and inform viewers. Again, I remind you that I did not learn about important issues currently before the FCC on national or local network news programs.

I urge the FCC to impose even more—not fewer—regulations on those few large corporations who have so much control already over the public's airways.

Respectfully,

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Carol Spiller

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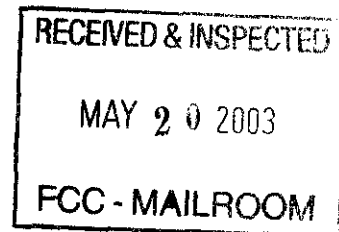
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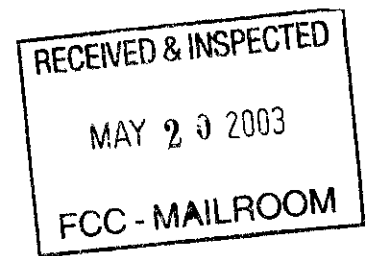
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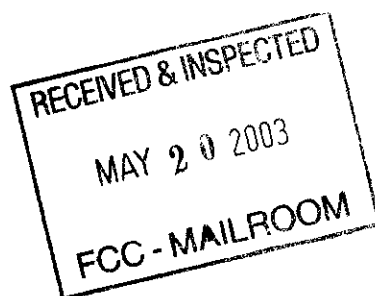
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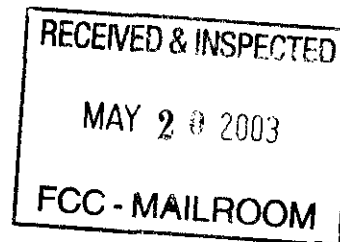
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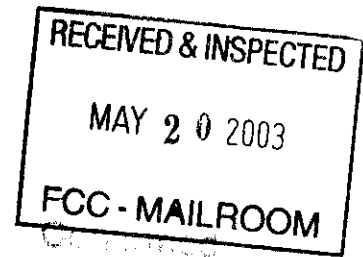
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Again, I urge you to help to ensure healthy debate in our country, by not relaxing the broadcast ownership rules.

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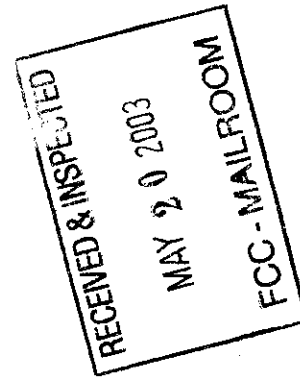
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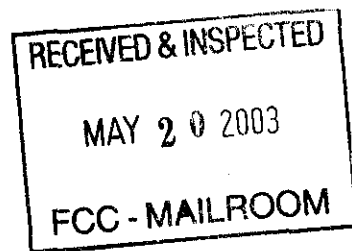
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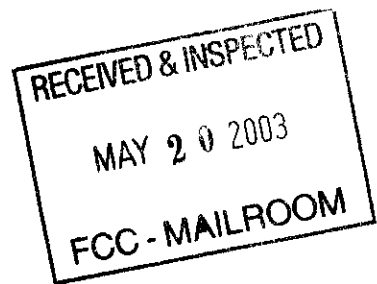
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Jim Dowden

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May 13, 2003



The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

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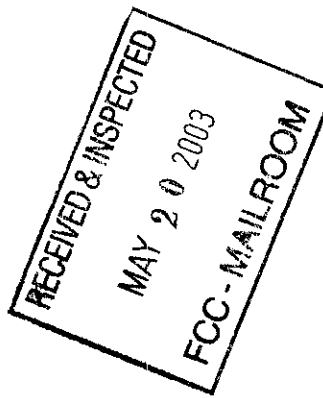
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7507 Marion Street  
Forestville, MD 20747  
May 13, 2003

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Please oppose the proposed rule change on broadcast ownership.

Dear Mr. Martin:

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The big media companies have used their power in the past to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. These proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers. We would see cities, states and whole regions of the country subjected to a single viewpoint, promoted by these media behemoths, who would have complete control over radio and television news, newspapers and information in communities across our nation.

The American people have the right to have access to multiple points of view on important issues so they may help in deciding an issue that has an impact on their life, community and country. This is part of our democracy. It is a basis of our freedom and this proposed rule change would diminish that freedom.

I strongly urge you to oppose this proposed rule change. Please continue the broadcast ownership protections that have for decades helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Brett R. Balkcum

Received  
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Director's Office



7507 Marion Street  
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Chuck Yost  
P.O. Box 165  
Gorham, KS 67640

FCC  
445 12th. St SW  
Washington DC 20554

5-10-03

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These changes would cause media conglomerates to gain total control of our media.

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Chuck Yost